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March 20, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR JURISDICTION
25TH STREET EAST BRIDGE OVER
SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY RAILROAD
CITY OF PALMDALE
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
4 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Adopt the enclosed Resolution declaring 25th Street East Bridge over Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPTC) Railroad, within the City of Palmdale to be a part of the County System of Highways.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The City of Palmdale and the County propose to retrofit 25th Street East Bridge over SPTC Railroad, which is entirely within the City of Palmdale. The County, which is the lead project administrator, requires jurisdiction from the City of Palmdale in order to retrofit the bridge.

Sections 1700-1702 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the Board of Supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of

its members, declare any highway in the county lying in whole or in part within a city to be a county highway for certain purposes, including improvement. The governing body of the affected city may consent to the relative portion of the highway within its jurisdiction being included as part of the county highway system. Thereafter, the Board of Supervisors of the county may acquire right of way, construct, maintain, improve, or repair such highway in the same manner as other county highways.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By improving the safety of 25th Street East Bridge over SPTC Railroad, residents of Palmdale and the unincorporated County areas who travel on 25th Street East will benefit, and their quality of life will be improved.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Your Board's adoption of the enclosed Resolution will not directly result in any fiscal impact on the County. We will submit the project to your Board for approval to advertise a construction contract for the seismic retrofit improvements at a later date. This project will be constructed as a Federal-aid project under the State Seismic Retrofit Program administered by the State of California. Under this Program, the entire cost of the project will be financed with Federal and State funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed Resolution provides for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project under the Federal Highway Bridge Program.

The enclosed Resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

CEQA requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. The proposed project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.16.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

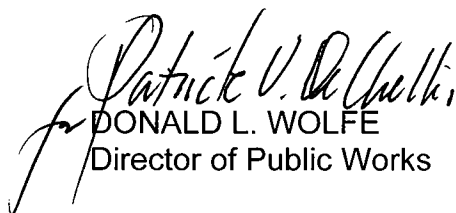
Following the Loma Prieta earthquake in the San Francisco Bay area in October 1989, emergency State legislation known as Senate Bill 36X was enacted, which requires that all existing publicly-owned bridges in the State be inspected and that those found to have a seismic structural deficiency be upgraded and retrofitted to conform with specific structural standards. The Bill further provides for the County of Los Angeles to be the lead agency for inspecting and retrofitting all non-State highway bridges within Los Angeles County.

The proposed improvements are needed and of general County interest. The project is tentatively scheduled to be advertised for construction bids in spring 2008, pending the City's consent to jurisdiction and the County obtaining the necessary Federal and State approvals. This jurisdiction will be relinquished after the completion of the project.

CONCLUSION

Upon adoption of the enclosed Resolution by your Board, please return one adopted copy of this letter together with two certified copies of the Resolution to us for further processing.

Respectfully submitted,


DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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Enc.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION DECLARING 25TH STREET EAST BRIDGE OVER THE
SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY RAILROAD
IN THE CITY OF PALMDALE
TO BE A PART OF COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, by reason of its location and travel thereon, the bridge portion of 25th Street East over Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPTC) Railroad, which is entirely within the City of Palmdale, County of Los Angeles, State of California, should be a part of the County System of Highways, for the limited purpose of retrofitting the bridge portion of 25th Street East over SPTC Railroad; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Board of Supervisors of said County to cause construction of the above-stated improvements and perform appurtenant work thereon provided the consent of the governing bodies of the City of Palmdale shall first be given by means of adopting the attached Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale, California Consenting to the Establishment of the Portion of 25th Street East over SPTC Railroad, within said City, as part of the System of Highways of the County of Los Angeles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that the bridge portion of 25th Street East over the SPTC Railroad, which is entirely within the City of Palmdale, is hereby declared to be a part of the System of Highways of said County as provided in Section 1700 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California for the purpose of authorizing construction of the aforementioned work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that the County agrees:

- a) That the County of Los Angeles shall not be responsible for any damage or liability occurring by reason of any roadway condition on the aforementioned streets, within the City of Palmdale, existing prior to the start of retrofit construction by the County or following the completion and field acceptance of said construction.
- b) That the work to be performed by the County shall not include roadway maintenance activities on 25th Street East Bridge over SPTC Railroad, within the City of Palmdale, prior to the start of retrofit construction by the County or following the completion and field acceptance of said construction.


The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2007,
by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the
governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and
authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By  _____
Deputy

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA CONSENTING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
25TH STREET EAST BRIDGE OVER SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION
COMPANY RAILROAD, WITHIN SAID CITY, AS PART OF THE SYSTEM OF
HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors on _____, 2007 duly adopted a Resolution declaring the bridge portion of 25th Street East over Southern Pacific Railroad in the City of Palmdale to be a part of the County System of Highways for the purpose of performing a seismic safety retrofit of the bridge at the aforementioned location, as provided in Sections 1700-1702 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Supervisors by said Resolution requested this Council to give its consent to allow the County to perform seismic safety retrofit of the Bridge (the Retrofit Work), within the City of Palmdale; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to perform the Retrofit Work, provided the consent of the governing body of the City shall first be given under the terms herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Palmdale does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Consent to Inclusion in County Highway System – This City Council does hereby consent to include the Bridge as part of the System of Highways of the County of Los Angeles as provided in Sections 1700 to 1704 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, for the limited purpose of performing a seismic safety retrofit of the Bridge at this location.

SECTION 2. Indemnification – That the City of Palmdale shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold the County of Los Angeles harmless in connection with any and all claims, liability, injury (as defined by Government Code Section 810.8) or damage relating to the Bridge that is not caused directly by County's Retrofit Work.

SECTION 3. Roadway Maintenance – The City of Palmdale will remain the owner of the Bridge and remain responsible for all roadway maintenance activities on the portion of 25th Street East Bridge over SPTC Railroad prior to the start of construction by the County or following the completion and field acceptance of said construction. Following completion of construction and County's field acceptance of the Retrofit Work, the City of Palmdale accepts ownership and full responsibility for all roadway maintenance, including relating to the Retrofit Work.

SECTION 4. Environmental Documentation – The City Council does hereby consent to adopt and concurs with the environmental findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act that have been adopted by the County in connection with the Retrofit Work.

SECTION 5: Warranty for Retrofit Work – The County hereby assigns all of its right, title, and interest to the unlapsed portion of a one-year warranty granted to the County by the construction contractor performing the Retrofit Work following completion of construction of the Retrofit Work and field acceptance of said construction by County. The City agrees to accept said assignment as its sole remedy against the County in connection with defects relating to said Retrofit Work.